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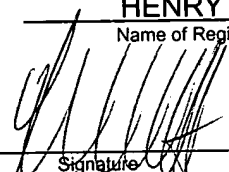
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No.: GEHRINGHOFF-8

In re Application of:	)
L. GEHRINGHOFF J. SCHÄFER	)
Appl. No.: 10/722,072	)
Filed: November 24, 2003	)
For: SIDE IMPACT BEAM	)

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to B) which were cited in the instant specification and to references C) to D). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 296 22 985	Thyssen Industrie	11-13-1997
B)	PCT	WO 94/07709	Johsson	04-14-1994
C)	Europe	EP 0 662 053	Jonsson	04-09-1997
D)	PCT	WO 99/20490	Jonsson	04-29-1999

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	DE 296 22 985	11-13-1997	Germany			No
	WO 94/07709	04-14-1994	PCT			Yes
	EP 0 662 053	04-14-1994	Europe			Yes
	WO 99/20490	04-29-1999	PCT			yes

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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